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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CHARTERS

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PARIS FOR MEADOWS:

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED USE PARA 2.B. OF STATE 216852 AS
DRAFTED. LANGUAGE REPRESENTS ATTEMPT OBTAIN AT LEAST A
VAGUE ADMISSION FROM SPANISH THAT THEY AGREE WITH US THAT
UPLIFT RATIOS WILL NOT BE ENFORCED ON A FLIGHT BY FLIGHT OR
WEEK BY WEEK BASIS STARTING JANUARY FIRST. (WHILE WE
ASSUME SPANISH DO NOT INTEND PROVOKE A CONFRONTATION, IT
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US CARRIERS TO HAVE SOME ASSURAN-
CES, NO MATTER HOW VAGUE.) OUR LANGUAGE IS AT THE SAME
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TIME INTENTIONALLY CAUTIOUS, BOTH SINCE WE ARE TRYING TO
AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY
IMPOSITION SPANISH UPLIFT RATIO AND SINCE WE CANNOT GIVE

CATEGORIC ADVANCE ASSURANCES RE ANY SPANISH CHARTERS PENDING NEGOTIATIONS.

2. OUR ASSUMPTION THAT SPANISH WILL NOT PROVOKE CONFRONTATION EARLY JANUARY IS BASED ON SPANISH CLAIM THAT THEY MERELY APPLYING TO US CARRIERS SAME SYSTEM US APPLIES TO SPANISH AND THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND THWART US CHARTERS IF SPANISH CARRIERS ARE NOT INHIBITED. IN THIS REGARD WE REPEAT THAT ONLY REAL "ENFORCEMENT" OF US UPLIFT RATIO IS

DONE ON AN EX POST FACTO BASIS AT THE END OF A CALENDAR YEAR.

3. SPANTAX ORIGINAL NINETY-NINE FLIGHT TGC PROGRAM APPARENTLY "PASSED MUSTER" AT CAB, BUT IS CONTINUALLY UNDERGOING CHANGES AS FLIGHTS ARE RESCHEDULED OR CANCELLED OR NEW ONES ADDED. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR MORE CHARTERS BY SPANTAX (OR SOME OTHER SPANISH CARRIER) MUST BE REJECTED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE BOARD'S REGS ON CHARTERWORTHINESS OR OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS, WE WISH TO KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN IN THE EVENT SPAIN DOES NOT MIRROR CAB'S YEAR BY YEAR APPROACH TO UPLIFT RATIO COMPLIANCE. (SEE STATE 166948 AND 078486 FOR MORE DETAIL ON THESE POINTS.) RUSH

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